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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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In re Application of:) Art Unit: 1761
Masahito HOASHI et al) Examiner: D. Becker
Appln. No.: 09/000,366) Washington, D.C.
Filed: January 28, 1998) March 1, 1999
For: METHOD FOR THAWING FROZEN) MONDAY
GROUND FISH)

REPLY: AMENDMENT AND REMARKS

Honorable Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Replying to the Office Action of October 28, 1998,
petition for one month's extension of time and late fee being
attached hereto, please amend as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Rewrite claims 1 and 7 in amended form as follows:

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~~1. (Amended) A method for thawing frozen ground fish [meats] meat which comprises [almost uniformly] milling a frozen ground fish meat mass ⁱⁿ ~~to~~ a ^{manner} ~~substantially uniform particle size,~~ and then thawing it by elevating temperature.~~

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~~7. (Amended) A process for producing materials for fish paste products which involves the step of [almost uniformly] milling a frozen ground fish meat mass ⁱⁿ ~~to a~~ ^{manner} ~~substantially uniform particle size, thawing [it] said milled~~~~

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